

compartment 8x8 feet for the down-cast. They will sink an escapement within the time required by law. These improvements have been made out of the profits of the business, and it is said Mt. Carbon mines have not been successfully operated before in many years.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Last year there were 9 mines in this county, 4 of which had escapements. This year 10 mines are reported, 7 having escapement shafts in use, and 2 in process of construction. Three of the mines are hoisting with steam, and another is preparing for it, the engine having been purchased some time since. There has been one fan erected in the county at Coulterville.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

The situation in this county remains about the same as when last reported. The Carbondale Coal and Coke Co.'s mines passed into the hands of a receiver last October, and the slope has since been operated only to supply local trade. The decrease in the product for this county has been over 50,000 tons. There were some small openings made for local purposes, during the winter, and since abandoned, which may be opened again next winter. There is also some prospect of other mines being opened in the county.

SALINE COUNTY.

With Bald Knob and Donahue's mines there are nine mines, all of which now have escapements. At New Castle the company have sunk their shaft to the seam below the one heretofore worked, and they are erecting an engine for hoisting purposes.

The Eldorado Coal Co. has a slope in this county, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. They have an escapement, but it needs to be enlarged. There has been an increase of three escapements in the county during the year.

The Equality Coal Co. has erected a fan at their mine in Gallatin county, which makes 26 fans in operation in the district, and they are also sinking an escapement shaft.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

There are three mines in this county producing coal, and a new shaft has been sunk to the coal at Ashley. This will be completed and equipped as soon as the necessary funds can be obtained. The Dubois company and the Nashville Coal Co. have both had their escapements furnished with ladders, and the Nashville shaft has